

Michigan Department of Military & Veterans Affairs

Michigan Homes for Veterans

Board of Managers Minutes

The 1418th meeting of the Board of Managers of the Michigan Home for Veterans was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans by Manager Johnson, Chair.

PRESENT: MANAGERS:

Robert L. Johnson, Chair	(The American Legion)
James Ausdemore	(Independent)
Marita Okerstrom	(Independent)
Paul Mead	(AMVETS)
Ronald Schrieber	(DAV)
Lino B. Pretto	(Independent) via phone conference
Paul Potter	(VFW)

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Harold Mast, Bob Porter, Kim Olinger, Steve Grady, Jim Dempsey, Sonya VanValkenburg, Beth Gonzales and Linda Smith.

Also present at the meeting: Leslie Shanlian, CEO, MI Veteran Health System, Brad Slagle, COO, D. J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans, Phil Yeiter, Compliance & Process Improvement Analyst, Joe Froehlich, Asst. Attorney General, Chaplain Bob Dennis, Lauren DeVol, MVAA Public Information Officer and Clerk, Patricia Howard.

This meeting has been posted pursuant to Act 267 of the Public Act of 1976 – The Open Meeting Act – on the bulletin board in the corridor adjacent to the volunteer office, main building, Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. A notice of this meeting was also posted in the hallway adjacent to the Administrator's office of the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Bob Dennis.

OPENING CEREMONY: Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Potter, new Board of Managers Member introduced himself to the Board and guests. Paul gave a brief summary of his life experiences and community involvement.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Porter introduced himself and gave a brief summary of his involvement with the Boy Scouts Flag Memorial Program that is held here at the Home. The ceremony will be held

Wednesday, May 25, 2016 for next year. Thanked the board for their support in the program. Bob Porter asked the board if they could use some their resources with their auxiliaries to help fund this program.

Sonya VanValkenburg, VFW wished everyone a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

II. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Manager Ausdemore, supported by Manager Okerstrom to approve the minutes of the meeting held by the Board of Managers on November 18, 2015. All present approved, motion carried.

III. ASSESSMENT, REASSESSMENTS, ADMISSIONS, POPULATION & FINANCIAL REPORTS , ADMINISTRATOR'S & DIVISION REPORTS -GRAND RAPIDS

Motion was made by Manager Ausdemore, supported by Manager Okerstrom to accept the Assessment, Reassessments, Admissions, Population & Financial Reports, Administrator's and Division Reports – Grand Rapids as presented. All present approved, motion carried.

There was a suggestion that on the Population Report a column be added for a year to date percent change.

Leslie reported that the Average Daily Occupancy for the month of November is 428. In the future there will be some changes in the admissions process.

Brad Slagle reported that the two Homes together were both balanced and closed out for the fiscal year and it all went well with the balancing of the budget.

Division Reports: Leslie Shanlian reported:

- It's been a busy six weeks since she started as CEO of the Michigan Veteran Health System, as well as keeping operations running at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.
- Hired a Chief Operating Officer, COO for the Home and he will be starting December 23, 2015.
- Hired two people for the Health System and continues to interview for a development director and for business services person.
- Michigan Excellence in Government program will start to be implemented here at the Home starting on Fridays in January 2016. It will involve tactical execution at the department level and relies heavily on employee engagement and focusing on fundamentals.
- Was asked by Director Barnes to get more involved with the J2S Contract.

IV. ASSESSMENT, REASSESSMENTS, ADMISSIONS, POPULATION & FINANCIAL REPORTS , ADMINISTRATOR'S & DIVISION REPORTS – MARQUETTE

Motion was made by Manager Ausdemore, supported by Manager Mead to accept the Assessment, Reassessments, Admissions, Population & Financial Reports, Administrator's and Division Reports – Marquette as presented. All present approved, motion carried.

- Brad Slagle reported that for the month of November they had a higher than usual amount of deaths and discharges so the census dropped.
- The donated funds have been increasing and our expenditures are less than our donations.
- Current FY revenue is good. Set an internal goal of \$450,000 per month and they have exceeded that for assessments.
- Continue to progress with the EMR system. Went live with Point of Care.
- Dr. Edgar visited Marquette for a peer review with Dr. Skendzel.

V. MVAA UPDATE

Lauren DeVol, MVAA Public Information Officer gave a brief summary of some of her duties which includes putting together press release information, managing the media if they come on site and generally promoting the Home.

VI. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL UPDATE

Motion was made by Manager Mead, supported by Manager Ausdemore to accept the Assistant Attorney General Update as will be given. All present approved, motion carried.

Joe Froehlich, Assistant Attorney General reported:

- Invited the Board to come over to their office after the their meeting February 17th in Lansing and view a presentation by one of their attorneys on the "Open Meetings Act" for new board members.
- Gave a brief summary of his duties as an Assistant Attorney General and the people he represents.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

BP-006 Proration – Motion made by Manager Okerstrom, supported by Manager Schrieber, to approve Board Policy # BP-006 Proration as revised. All present approved, motion carried.

Meal Service – There was a discussion on the current meal service plan.

Marquette: Request for Dependent to be approved for admission:

Motion made by Manager Mead, supported by Manager Potter to approve the admission of dependent, Phyllis Bath to the top of the list for admission to D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans. All present approved, motion carried.

Motion made by Manager Schrieber, supported by Manager Ausdemore to approve the admission of Ms. Sutter for admission at Administrator Brad Slagle's discretion. All present approved, motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Grand Rapids – None

Marquette – None

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Dempsey asked if MVAA had provided the Board with information from the sub-committee hearing regarding the State Homes that was presented in Lansing on November 5, 2015. Mr. Dempsey read a summary of the meeting.

Steve Grady questioned the cost of care at Marquette vs the cost of care at Grand Rapids. It was explained the cost of care at both Homes are very similar.

Kim Olinger informed the Board that the Homes have employees that work for J2S and the contracted Hi-Tech department.

Beth Gonzales, State Commander for DAV stated that she likes the direction the Board is going in but stated that "We as veterans groups (VSO) have to be more diligent with our members in getting to MVAA and our representatives and what we need and what type of care that we will stand for".

There was a discussion regarding Lino Pretto being an Ombudsman for the Home. Lino is a Board Liaison.

X. OPEN DISCUSSION

Brad Slagle reported that the winter meeting of National Association of State Veterans Homes is the first week of March, 2016 in Washington.

The Board Retreat is tentatively set for January 22-24, 2015. Manager Mead will send out additional information regarding the retreat.

XI. CLOSING PRAYER

Closing prayer was given by Manager Johnson.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Board of Managers Meeting Dates for 2016


1. *No meeting January 2016*

2. Wednesday, February 17, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m. at MVAA Office in Lansing, MI.
3. Wednesday, March 9, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.
4. Wednesday, April 20, 2016 @ 1:00 p.m. at D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette, MI.
5. Wednesday, May 25, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.
6. Wednesday, June 15, 2016 to be held in Plymouth, MI. Time to be determined.
7. Thursday, July 14, 2016 @ 1:00 p.m. at D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette, MI.
8. *No meeting August 2016.*
9. Wednesday, September 21, 2016 @ 1:00 p.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.
10. Wednesday, October 19, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.
11. Wednesday, November 16, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.
12. Wednesday, December 14, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. *Xmas Dinner to be held on the 13th.*

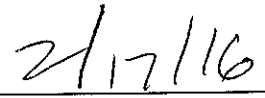
**THESE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN POSTED PURSUANT TO ACT 267 OF THE
PUBLIC ACTS OF 1976 – THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Patricia Howard, Assistant Clerk of the Board

Approved by



Marita Okerstrom, Secretary Board of Managers



Date